

BLISS BOXERS TAKE MURPHY AT FAST PACE

"Parson" Wedge Has Task of His Life, Say Coxhill and Sudenberg.

BIG BOXING ARENA MADE WINDPROOF

WHETHER you advance or retreat, what is to happen at the Stadium on New Year's afternoon when Tommy Murphy and Fred R. Wedge meet for ten rounds, don't get it from Murphy. The sport editor of The Herald called on Murphy Monday to interview the sport topped battler. "What condition are you in, Tommy?" was asked. "Fine," and Tommy became silent. "Give me a short description of what you believe will happen, say in the first three or four rounds, when you and the 'Parson' come together," was requested of Murphy. "Wouldn't attempt any such thing," replied the boxer. "I'll be at least let your friends and backers know how long you believe the battle will last." "I'll last Wedge," and that was all Tommy had to say.

Murphy Wins. Bliss boxes of big caliber, however, are training with Murphy, have more to say. "Beet, Beaver, Pillsbury, a good judge of things, fistic," says Murphy, "realizes that he must be both fast and hard to beat Wedge. We have not been understanding the 'Parson' for speed. I have had Tommy working with Coxhill. When I tell you that he has been absorbing from four to ten rounds of such beat-down as Johnny Sudenberg hands him, you will be convinced that he is able to stand all that Wedge can hand him and then some."

Tommy Fast. Bertie Coxhill says that Murphy has gained both strength and speed of late. "I know that Wedge is an old fighter and fast," says Coxhill. "But if he believes that Murphy is burdened with the pace of an amateur, he has the surprise of his life coming when the fighting starts." "Red" Hogan, Parson Wedge, "I will be able to go six rounds New Year's at a faster clip than in my last two bouts" states the Stadium. Murphy is being entirely surrounded with canvas as a wind shield and the top covered for 25 feet inward entirely around the big pavilion is now a fine spot for sun baths. No wind enters the arena even when a stiff gale is on. Lieut. Carl J. Studer has everything in readiness for what promises to be the biggest show for many moons.

All Working Hard. All the principals in the New Year's bouts are fit for battle. Coxhill and Carter are both ready, both having been in training for several weeks before the present show was billed. The

LAWRENCE LYKE LEADS JOCKEYS

Lyke Has 178 Victories to Credit for Season; Won Big Stakes.

New York, Dec. 31.—The race among American jockeys for the title of premier jockey of the 1918 season was hotly contested.

With the close of racing in the east at Bowie, a plunge into the records of winners shows that no less than half a dozen jockeys passed the century mark in finishing first during the season.

Jockey Lawrence Lyke, whose sensational riding was the center of comment among racing experts, leads the list of jockeys for the year with a total of 178 victories. His grand total would, no doubt, have been larger had he not been set down by his employer, Commander Ross, for insubordination.

Other jockeys who passed the century mark were Sanda, Robinson, Luma, Riser and Howard. Lyke's string of victories includes a number of important stake events, among which were a half dozen won with Cudgel, the Kentucky Derby, the Kentucky City handicap at Sartin and followed this event with three victories on Cudgel, the Susquehanna handicap at Havre de Grace and the Merchants and Spring handicaps at Pimlico. He also won the Spring Juvenile and Chesapeake handicaps at Pimlico, the Kings County at Jamaica, the Kentucky City handicap at Louisville, the Youthful and Southampton at Jamaica with Lord Brighton and Jack Hare, the Brooklyn handicap at Queens County, and the Tremont stakes at Aqueduct with Cudgel, Reamer and Lord Brighton. He added to these victories later in the season. Following is a list of the jockeys winning more than 100 races in 1918:

Jockeys.	Wins.	Per.
Lyke.....	178	122
Sanda.....	107	122
Robinson....	101	122
Howard.....	101	122
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same is true of Silent Sontag and Archie LeFebvre, who meet for six rounds "Red" Hogan, Parson Wedge, "I will be able to go six rounds New Year's at a faster clip than in my last two bouts" states the Stadium. Murphy is being entirely surrounded with canvas as a wind shield and the top covered for 25 feet inward entirely around the big pavilion is now a fine spot for sun baths. No wind enters the arena even when a stiff gale is on. Lieut. Carl J. Studer has everything in readiness for what promises to be the biggest show for many moons.

Hunting Song. To the woods went Hiawatha from the city. Hiawatha had an outfit that would attack Davy Crockett. He had leggings full of fringes, buckskin pants and buckskin jacket, buckskin cap and buckskin waistcoat, and he hoped to have a buck skin hanging shortly from his wigwam.

Hiawatha was a hunter who had read some hunting stories, but had never gone a-hunting. He was versed in hunting fiction like the editors of monthlies—like the gents who buy the stories of the Great Northwest and trappers—all that strong, red-blooded fiction that such editors call "tipping."

To the woods went Hiawatha, with his soul all stealed to slaughter. Not for him that soft compassion felt by some who love wild creatures! Not for him that love of nature that will lead men to the forest with no thought of guns or hunting! He was out to slay a red deer and to throw it over his shoulder and to bring it back in triumph like the heavy-hitting redskin Mr. Longfellow made famous in that smoothly flowing meter easier to write than prose.

Through the woods strode Hiawatha with his eyes upon the landscape and his hands upon the rifle he had borrowed for the journey. And while he was all attention to the scene that lay before him, something bounded through the thicket, sprang away and hit the high spot! Hiawatha aimed his rifle, closed both eyes and pulled the trigger—and the red deer did a Brodie, took one dying look at nature and returned to dust, dear readers!

Truth is stranger far than fiction, for we really plucked that red deer in the wilds of Minnesota, though we don't know how we did it!

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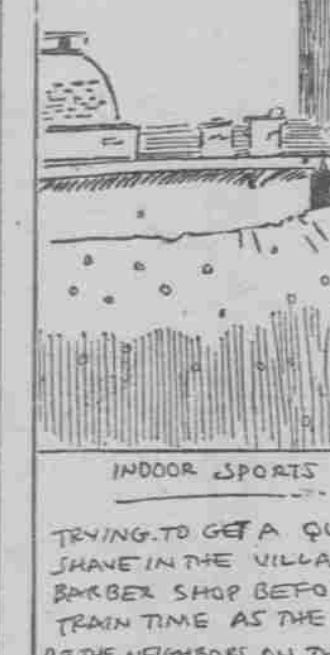
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Indoor Sports

Getting a Shave in a Country Shop.

By Tad



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Southworth Leads National Batters; Zack Wheat Second

Of Batsmen Taking First Ten Places in Percentage Column, Eight Are Left-Handed; Several Famous Players Far Down List; Cincinnati Leads in Club Batting.

W. H. SOUTHWORTH, Pittsburgh, stands at the head of the list of 160 batsmen of the National League for the season 1918, with a batting average of .341. Zack Wheat, Brooklyn, second on the list, with an average of .335 presents a record in some ways more remarkable than that of Southworth. Ed Rousch, Cincinnati, is third on the list at .323.

Of the first ten batters on the list five are left-handed batters, two right-handers following, then three more left-handers. Zack Wheat, of Brooklyn, batted in 24 consecutive games at bat, with nine two-base hits, with a batting average of .444.

The records show the batting average of many famous players to be far down the list. Two following, on the list and several are well-known: Rogers Hornsby, St. Louis, 14th on list, .311; Heinie Zimmerman, New York, 21st on list, .307; Larry Doyle, New York, 22d, Jim Thorpe, Philadelphia, 24th, J. J. Van Hook, Chicago, 25th, Mike Dwyer, Chicago, 26th, Pete Kilduff, Chicago, 27th, Rube Marquard, Brooklyn, 28th, 17th.

The following are the first 25 on the list, with their records:

Name of Club.	Player.	Games.	At Bats.	Runs.	Hits.	Errors.	Per.
Southworth, W. H., Pittsburgh.....		64	245	84	108	5	.341
Wheat, Z. D., Brooklyn.....		150	499	207	158	15	.335
Rousch, Ed., Cincinnati.....		112	385	152	125	10	.323
Taggart, R., Boston.....		55	146	59	47	3	.322
Pick, Chas., Chicago.....		29	89	33	29	2	.320
Grob, H. K., Cincinnati.....		124	481	183	155	36	.312
Fisher, Robert, St. Louis.....		63	214	82	68	10	.311
Hollocher, C. J., Chicago.....		151	589	221	162	20	.308
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